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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor(s): Cang LAM et al.  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND  
SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS  
Examiner: Woo, Julian W.  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. 1.116)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2007, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Accordingly, this response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final action. Entry of the Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.